

Independence

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Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



June 27 – July 5, 2015

During “Celebrate Independence” (July 2 - 5, 2015), Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Independence Visitor Center will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Independence Visitor Center.....	8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Programs: Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony daily at 4:00 p.m. Twilight Tour - Daily at 6:00 - Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. <i>Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides.</i> (no tour on 7/3)	
Liberty Bell Center.....	9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
<i>Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening</i> Program: National Park Fun Zone Daily - 9:30am to 11:00am - Discover some family fun with the help of puzzles, games, and the park's mobile app. Try a ranger's hat on for size, and share your knowledge of America's National Parks. (no program 7/4)	
Independence Square (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets) <i>Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening</i>	
Independence Hall.....	9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required 9:00-5:00. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center. No tickets needed 5:00-7:00 or all day 7/4/15.	
Congress Hall.....	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Old City Hall.....	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Carpenters’ Court	
Carpenters’ Hall.....	open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
New Hall Military Museum.....	Noon-5:00 p.m.
Program: - Barnacles and Bullets - Daily at 1:00 & 4:00 - Find out what it would have been like to serve in the army or the navy during the American Revolution during this “hands-on” program for kids.	
Franklin Court	
Courtyard.....	9:00 – dusk
Program: Dr. Franklin’s Philadelphia (walking tour) – Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 - Printer, father, politician, diplomat, inventor – Benjamin Franklin achieved much in his long and prosperous life. Join a park ranger to hear about how his accomplishments shaped his city, his country and the world.	
Benjamin Franklin Museum.....	(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
B. Free Franklin Post Office.....	open Monday-Saturday..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fragments of Franklin Court.....	1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Printing Office.....	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Other Park Sites	
The City Tavern.....	opens at 11:30
Declaration House.....	tour limited to 15 people..... tours at 1:30 and 4:00
Program: Jefferson in Philadelphia - Join a park ranger for a talk about Thomas Jefferson’s life in Philadelphia while he was renting rooms in this house during the summer of 1776.	
Free Quaker Meeting House.....	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
The President’s House Site Memorial.....	7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Todd and Bishop White Houses.....	ask at the Visitor Center for times
Other NPS Sites	
Deshler-Morris House.....	open Saturday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....	open Friday-Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....	open Saturday-Sunday..... Noon-4:00 p.m.

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Officer’s Candidate School (for Kids). If you want to be an officer in the Continental Army enroll in the IVC between 8:30 and 1:30. You will be given an assignment that will take you throughout the park and require you to solve problems to prove your worth to the Army. Finish all the steps in your assignment and report to New Hall Military Museum at 12:30 or 3:30 for a commissioning ceremony and drill. There you will learn to drill with your fellow recruits under the tutelage of a ranger/soldier. Finally, if you pass muster, you will receive a hand printed commission, issued by the Continental Congress, showing your new rank.

“Committee of Five” walking tour all tours begin in front of Carpenter’s Hall at 2:30 (one hour)

John Adams Walking Tour (Sat 6/27, Tues 6/30, and Fri. 7/3 only) follow one of the key figures in the Continental Congress through the early war up to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson Walking Tour (Sun 6/28, Wed. 7/1, Sat. 7/4 only) Follow the main author of the Declaration of Independence through the places where he worked on the creation of the new nation.

The Forgotten Members of the Committee of Five (Mon. 6/29, Thurs 7/2, and Sun 7/5 only) learn about two of the unsung creators of the United States, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston, and how they worked with the other Committee members to craft the Declaration of Independence.

Today in History - A short ranger led discussion about the events of “This Day in 1776”. As we wrap up the activities of each day, we will discuss the aspects of creating the Declaration of Independence and fighting a war for the new nation. Meet the ranger at 6:30 at the John Barry Statue (behind Independence Hall).